

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated April 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated August 11, 2006, have been received and their contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 40–44 are hereby amended, and claims 2, 4, 6, 23, 31, and 36–39 are canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 8–20, 22, 24–27, 32–35, and 40–44 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 2, 4, 6-20, 22-27 and 31-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,196,993, issued to Herron et al. (hereafter “Herron”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,422,751, issued to Lewis et al. (hereafter “Lewis”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,212,067, issued to Nakajima et al. (hereafter “Nakajima”).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 40 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 40 is allowable in that it recites a “liquid crystal display module having a metal frame ... an enclosure ... a front case ... and a hinge having a hinge arm ... wherein the metal frame, the hinge arm, the enclosure, and the front case are all electrically connected, and wherein the liquid crystal display module is electromagnetically shielded by the front case and grounded through the hinge.” Nothing in Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 40, and its dependent claims 8–11, are allowable over any combination of Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 41 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 41 is allowable in that it recites “liquid crystal display module having a metal frame ... an enclosure ... a front case ... and a hinge arm ... wherein the metal frame, the hinge arm, the enclosure, and the front case are all electrically connected, and wherein the liquid crystal display module is electromagnetically shielded by the front case and grounded through the hinge.” Nothing in Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 41, and its dependent claims 12–16, are allowable over any combination of Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 42 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 42 is allowable in that it recites a “liquid crystal display module having a metal frame ... an enclosure ... a front case ... [and] a hinge arm wherein the metal frame, the hinge arm, the enclosure, and the front case are all electrically connected, and wherein the liquid crystal display module is electromagnetically shielded by the front case and grounded through the hinge.” Nothing in Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 41, and its dependent claims 17–20, are allowable over any combination of Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 43 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 43 is allowable in that it recites a “display module having a metal frame ... an enclosure ... a bezel ... [and] a hinge arm ... wherein the metal frame, the bezel, the hinge arm, and the enclosure are all electrically connected, and wherein the display module is electromagnetically shielded by the bezel and grounded through the hinge arm.”

Nothing in Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 41, and its dependent claims 22 and 24–27, are allowable over any combination of Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 44 and request reconsideration. Independent claim 44 is allowable in that it recites a “display module having a metal frame ... an enclosure ... a bezel ... [and] a hinge arm ... wherein the metal frame, the bezel, the hinge arm, and enclosure are all electrically connected, and wherein the display module is electromagnetically shielded by the bezel and grounded through the hinge.” Nothing in Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 41, and its dependent claims 32–35, are allowable over any combination of Herron, Lewis, and Nakajima.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to

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